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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS SEIZURE OF HELICOPTER PARTS

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS MADE BY U.S. CUSTOMS
ON MARCH 15, 1974:

2. QUOTE. CUSTOMS SEIZES DOLS 22.5 MILLION WORTH OF
HELICOPTER PARTS. U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE SEIZED DOLS
22.5 MILLION WORTH OF MILITARY HELICOPTER PARTS IN LONG
BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO U.S. COMMISSIONER OF
CUSTOMS VERNON D. ACREE.

3. THE INVESTIGATION LEADING TO THE SEIZURE WAS BASED ON
INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS SPECIAL
AGENT IN CHARGE, SAN DIEGO WHICH INDICATED THAT A LA JOLLA,
CALIFORNIA CORPORATION WOULD ATTEMPT TO EXPORT A LARGE
QUANTITY OF MILITARY HELICOPTER PARTS TO EL SALVADOR WITH-
OUT OBTAINING THE REQUIRED STATE DEPARTMENT LICENSES.

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THE PARTS, WHICH WERE BEING SHIPPED IN EIGHTEEN 40-FOOT

LONG CARGO CONTAINERS AND 117 CANISTERS, WERE SEIZED AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO BE LOADED FOR EXPORT ONTO A VESSEL DESTINED FOR ACAJUTLA, EL SALVADOR.

4. THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOS ANGELES ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE AND WITH THE HELP OF POLICE FROM SAN DIEGO AND WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA.

5. ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER ACREE, THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ENFORCES, IN ADDITION TO THE CUSTOMS LAWS, OVER 200 FEDERAL LAWS FOR MORE THAN 40 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. AMONG THESE ARE EXPORT CONTROLS ON ARMS, AMMUNITION, IMPLEMENTS AND VESSELS OF WAR WHICH CUSTOMS ENFORCES FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL.

6. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING. END OF QUOTE. RUSH

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